Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A phyto-composition comprising in combination: (a) extract of *Curcuma longa*; (b) extract of *Harpagophytum procumbens*; (c) extract of *Filipendula ulmaria*; and d) oil of *Oenothera biennis*,

wherein the extracts and the oil respectively are present in the phyto-composition in the following percentage in weight concentrations with respect to the total weight of the composition: (a) from 0.01% to 26% of the extract of *Curcuma longa*; (b) from 30% to 80% of the extract of *Harpagophytum procubens*; (c) from 0.01% to 25% of the extract of *Filipendula ulmaria*; and (d) from 7 to 35% of the oil of *Oenothera biennis*.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A phyto-composition according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the extracts and oil respectively are present in the phyto-composition in the following percentage in weight concentrations with respect to the total weight of the composition: (a) from 0.01% to 15 % of the

extract of *Curcuma longa;* (b) from 30% to 70% of the extract of *Harpagophytum procumbens;* (c) from 0.01% to 20% of the extract of *Filipendula ulmaria;* and d) from 7% to 30% of the oil of *Oenothera biennis*.

4. (Original) A phyto-composition according to claim 1, wherein the extracts of *Curcuma longa,* Harpagophytum *procumbens;* and *Filipendula ulmaria;* are aqueous, alcoholic or hydro-alcoholic extracts.

5. (Original) A phyto-composition according to claim 4, wherein the extracts are hydro-alcoholic.

6. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective quantity of the phyto-composition ~~exactly~~ as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

7. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is formulated to be administered orally.

8. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6, wherein the pharmaceutical composition

is in the ~~pharmaceutical~~ form of an emulsion or a soft gelatin capsule.

9. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 8, wherein the emulsion is a water-oil emulsion.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The [[use]] method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim [[10]] 13, wherein the joint ~~diseases are~~ disease is rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gouty arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, lupus [[and]] or juvenile arthritis,

said method providing anti-inflammatory and analgesic effects, as well as the progressive reduction in time of rigidity, torpor and pain of the nodules or buttons of the fingers or joints present in such diseases, besides permitting recovery of muscle strength.

12. (Currently Amended) The [[use]] method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 11, wherein the joint ~~diseases are~~ disease is rheumatoid arthritis [[and]] or osteoarthritis.

13. (New) In a method of treatment of a joint disease in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering an effective amount for said treatment of a pharmecutical composition,

the improvement wherein the pharmaceutical composition is the composition of claim 6.